

REMARKS

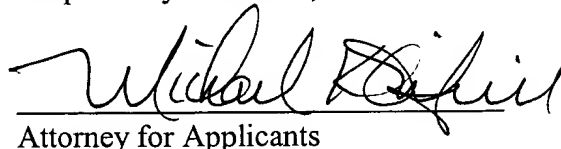
Claims 43 to 57, 60, 65, 72 to 101, 116 to 133 and 149 to 206 are in the application, with Claims 43, 73, 87, 116, 131, 149, 154, 181 and 182 being independent. Favorable review and passage to issue are respectfully requested.

This application is a Continued Prosecution Application ("CPA") of prior Application Number 08/796,519 (hereinafter "the '519 application"). In the '519 application, a Final Rejection had been entered on October 3, 2001 (Paper Number 24) of all claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Design 381,680 (Tashiro) in view of U.S. Patent 5,448,274 (Hirabayashi). Without conceding the correctness of this rejection, the instant CPA was filed so as to invoke the new provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) such that Tashiro, being commonly unsigned with the subject application, is no longer eligible as prior art.

No other matter is being raised in the Office Action, it is believed the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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